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THE BIG APPLE HOTEL, 12:55 P.M.

I'VE AWAITED THIS MOMENT FOR *YEARS!* AND *NOW* -- AT *LAST* --

-- THE *HOBGOBLIN* SHALL LEARN THE TRUE IDENTITY OF *SPIDER-MAN!*

YOU MAY HAVE ROBBED ME OF A DECISIVE VICTORY OVER THE WALL-CRAWLER, *GREEN GOBLIN*--

-- BY SHOOTING HIM WITH A *TRANQUILIZER DART* DURING OUR TUSSLE --

-- BUT I'LL *STILL* HAVE THE LAST LAUGH!

HA HA HA

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NO!

FZAPP

WHAT --?

GOBLIN! HOW DARE YOU?!

THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.

YOU PREVENT ME FROM UNMASKING OUR MUTUAL FOE?!

WE HAVE A JOB TO DO --

-- AND ANY DELAY JEOPARDIZES OUR SUCCESS!

SO CLOSE...

NOW -- WHERE'S DANIEL KINGSLEY, YOUR MILQUETOAST BROTHER?

ARRRR!

...

IN THE BATHROOM! SPIDER-MAN WEBBED HIM UP IN THERE FOR SAFE-KEEPING!

THEN I SUGGEST YOU GET HIM OUT. WITH THAT DONE, WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY --

-- TO RECOVER THE LAST SURVIVING JOURNAL THAT YOU STOLE FROM NORMAN OSBORN!

YES, I KNOW WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN!

NNNNN! UHN!

THE DOOR WON'T BUDGE AGAINST SPIDER-MAN'S INFERNAL WEBBING!

I'LL JUST GO THROUGH THE *WALL,* THEN --

PA

KRASSH

-- AND SIMPLY *REMOVE* THE DOOR, FRAME AND *ALL!*

HELLO, DANIEL! NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING *IMPORTANT,* AM I?

I -- I -- Uh -- Uh --

I'VE GOT HIM, HOBGOBLIN! LET'S GO!

WAIT! WHAT ABOUT *SPIDER-MAN?*

MAYBE WE CAN'T UNMASK HIM *NOW* --

-- BUT WE SHOULD TAKE HIM CAPTIVE FOR *LATER!*

Awlp!

NOT *AGAIN!*

Oh, ALL RIGHT --

-- AS LONG AS HE'S TIGHTLY *SECURED!*

OhGOD OhGOD

VERY GOOD! Hmmm... ... I HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW TO *ENSURE* THAT SPIDER-MAN REMAINS NO *THREAT* TO US...

HA HA HA HA

MOMENTS LATER...

DON'T YOU LOVE THE *IRONY,* GOBLIN? SPIDER-MAN -- TRAPPED IN HIS OWN *WEB!*

HA HA

AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF IT TO WRAP HIM UP WITH BACK IN THAT HOTEL ROOM!

SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS IS HOW I BUILT UP MY *FINANCIAL EMPIRE!*

YOUR BOASTING HAS YET TO PRODUCE THE MISSING OSBORN JOURNAL!

AS I *TOLD* YOU -- ONLY *DANIEL* KNOWS ITS LOCATION!

YES -- AND NOW IT'S TIME TO *REVEAL* THAT LOCATION, DANIEL KINGSLEY!

KINGSLEY?

WHAT THE -- HE *FAINTED!*

HOW *UNFORTUNATE* --

-- MY BROTHER IS AFRAID OF *HEIGHTS!*

BLAST! HE'S OF NO USE TO US UNTIL HE *REVIVES!*

WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO OUR *HIDEOUT* --

"-- AND YOU CAN BE SURE OSBORN IS *NOT* GOING TO BE PLEASED!"

multiVEX

I EXPECTED *RESULTS,* HOB-GOBLIN --

-- NOT *DEVIATIONS* FROM THE PLAN!

CALM DOWN, OLD BOY! NO NEED TO GET YOURSELF ALL WORKED UP!

ALL RIGHT, SO WE DON'T HAVE THE JOURNAL YET -- BUT WE *WILL!* AS SOON AS DANIEL'S *CONSCIOUS* AGAIN!

BUT IN THE *MEANTIME*, LOOK WHAT I'VE BROUGHT YOU -- YOUR OLD *SPARRING PARTNER!*

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO *UNMASK* HIM!

IF IT CALMS THIS LUNATIC DOWN, I'M WILLING TO LET *HIM* DO THE HONORS!

EITHER WAY, I'LL *STILL* LEARN SPIDER-MAN'S IDENTITY!

DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH SUCH *INSIGNIFICANT* MATTERS, KINGSLEY!

I WANT THIS *JOURNAL* SITUATION RESOLVED -- *IMMEDIATELY!*

"INSIGNIFICANT?"

FIRST THE GREEN GOBLIN, NOW *OSBORN!* WHAT'S GOING *ON* HERE --?

YOU *ALREADY* KNOW, DON'T YOU?

YOU ALREADY KNOW WHO SPIDER-MAN IS..!

ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY...

DAILY BUGLE

SORRY, *FLASH,* I DON'T HAVE TIME TO *TALK* RIGHT NOW...

...I'M ON MY WAY OUT TO TRACK DOWN A *LEAD* ON THE HOBGOBLIN'S WHERE-ABOUTS.

Uh, YEAH, *BETTY,* THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO *TALK* TO YOU ABOUT.

I'M... *WORRIED* ABOUT YOU. YOU'VE BEEN SO...*DRIVEN* SINCE HOBGOBLIN ESCAPED FROM PRISON.

YOU COULD GET *HURT* CHASING DOWN THIS STORY -- OR *WORSE!*

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, FLASH, BUT I CAN'T LET THAT SLOW ME DOWN!

I HAVE A *JOB* TO DO --

-- AND I'M GOING TO *DO* IT!

SHE CAN'T *POSSIBLY* BE THINKIN' *CLEAR* ON THIS! AFTER ALL --

-- SHE KNOWS NOW THAT THE HOBGOBLIN BRAINWASHED AND KILLED HER *HUSBAND!*

NED LEEDS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE *PERFECT* HUSBAND, BUT HE DIDN'T DESERVE WHAT *HAPPENED* TO 'IM!

MARY JANE? IT'S BETTY BRANT. IS *PETER* THERE?

SORRY, BETTY --

-- I HAVE *NO* IDEA WHERE MY EVER-ON-THE-MOVE HUBBY IS AT THE MOMENT!

ANYTHING *I* CAN HELP YOU WITH?

I'M AFRAID NOT.

LOOK, I HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK ON THIS HOBGOBLIN STORY...

...AND I CAN'T WAIT AROUND FOR PETER *FOREVER!*

IF YOU HEAR FROM HIM, CAN YOU TELL HIM TO CALL ME ON MY CELLULAR PHONE AS SOON AS HE CAN?

SURE, BETTY, NO PROB.

THANKS FOR *NOTHING,* PETER PARKER! YOU PROMISED ME I COULD *COUNT* ON YOU DURING THE CRISIS!

OKAY, SO EVEN *BETTY* DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS!

NOW I CAN WORRY -- AS *USUAL!*

BACK AT THE MULTIVEX WAREHOUSE...

...SO YOU'VE MANAGED TO LEARN THE ONE MAJOR THING THAT I STILL ***HAVEN'T!***

I'M ***IMPRESSED,*** OSBORN! ***VERY*** IMPRESSED!

SAVE IT, KINGSLEY!

YOUR BROTHER DANIEL IS PROVING TO BE NOTHING BUT A ***LIABILITY!***

Uh... WHAT THE --? WHERE ***AM*** I...?

I'M ALL -- WEBBED UP!

NOW THIS IS DOWNRIGHT ***EMBARRASSING!***

HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN LIKE THIS?

Uh-Oh! ***OSBORN!*** AND ***KINGSLEY!***

I'LL TOLERATE NO ***FURTHER*** DELAYS!

I'M GOING TO ADMINISTER A ***DRUG*** TO YOUR BROTHER THAT WILL ***REVIVE*** HIM --

-- AND ***FORCE*** HIM TO DISCLOSE THE LOCATION OF THAT JOURNAL!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, KINGSLEY? WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BROTHER?

THE DRUG ISN'T ***FATAL,*** IT'LL JUST COMPEL HIM TO TELL ME THE ***TRUTH*** ABOUT THE JOURNAL.

UNLESS... ***THAT'S*** WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT.

I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

Oh, YES YOU DO.

THERE ***IS*** NO EXTRA JOURNAL, IS THERE?

ALL OF THEM ***DID*** BURN UP YEARS AGO, CORRECT?

I ***FIGURED*** AS MUCH.

YOU KNEW...ALL ALONG?

NO, NOT AT ***FIRST.*** BUT I ***SUSPECTED*** ALMOST FROM THE ***BEGINNING.***

YOU SEE, I DON'T TRUST ***ANYONE.***

BUT UNTIL I KNEW FOR ***SURE*** THAT THIS WAS ALL A HOAX, I HAD TO AT LEAST ***CONSIDER*** YOUR CLAIM...

...TO PROTECT EVERY-THING I'VE BUILT AND ACCOMPLISHED SINCE COMING BACK TO NEW YORK.

I'M AN EXONERATED MAN, KINGSLEY. CLEARED OF ALL THE CHARGES AND RUMORS AND INNUENDOES AGAINST ME.

RESPECTED AND ADMIRED AND ***TRUSTED*** BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.

THERE WAS ***NO WAY*** I WAS GOING TO LET YOU RUIN ALL OF THAT.

ALL RIGHT, I ***ADMIT*** IT!

I COULDN'T STAND TO SEE YOU FREE, ENJOYING YOUR LIFE AND YOUR POWER, WHILE I WAS ROTTING AWAY IN ***JAIL!***

I CONCOCTED THE STORY TO ***PROVOKE*** YOU, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT YOU'D WANT TO ***SILENCE*** ME!

WHOA.

SO EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN PUT THROUGH OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS --

-- HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF A BIG, FAT ***LIE?!***

I FIGURED YOU'D FIND ***SOME*** WAY TO GET ME OUT OF MY CELL AND BRING ME TO YOU, SO THAT I'D TURN OVER THE JOURNAL!

BUT FOR ***ME,*** THE GOAL IN ALL THIS WAS TO GAIN MY ***FREEDOM!*** AND TO ***REMAIN*** FREE!

UNDERSTOOD. BUT NOW, THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO KEEP YOU -- OR YOUR SNIVELING BROTHER -- ***ALIVE*** ANY LONGER, ***IS*** THERE?

Uh-Oh -- I SEE WHERE NORMAN IS ***GOING*** WITH THIS!

GOTTA GET ***OUTTA*** THIS MESS -- BUT THE WEBBING AND CHAINS WON'T ***BUDGE!*** I'M STILL TOO ***GROGGY!***

HOLD ON, OSBORN! YOU STILL ***NEED*** ME!

REMEMBER OUR ***DEAL!*** THAT I'D HELP YOU GAIN CONTROL OVER MY CORPORATE EMPIRE!

ALL KINGSLEY LTD. HOLDINGS, TURNED OVER TO ***YOU*** -- TO INCREASE YOUR FINANCIAL AND POWER BASES EVEN ***FURTHER!***

TOO LATE...

... IT'S ALREADY DONE!

WHAT --?

THESE -- THESE ARE PHOTOCOPIES OF ***VOTING PROXIES,*** FROM MY BOARD OF DIRECTORS --

-- AND ***TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP*** PAPERS, GIVING YOU PRINCIPAL OWNERSHIP OF MY COMPANIES!

BUT -- HOW COULD YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS SO ***QUICKLY?***

I'M NORMAN OSBORN.

AND I'M THE ***HOBGOBLIN!*** I DON'T ROLL OVER FOR ***ANYBODY!***

LEAST OF ALL YOU!

FSHK

YOU'RE *FINISHED*, KINGSLEY!

THIS IS GOING TO BE A *PLEASURE!*

FZAP

NO!

BUT --!

GET BACK! HE'S *MINE!*

HA HA HA

WHAT ARE *YOU* GOING TO DO, OBORN?

YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT BLOWING YOUR PRECIOUS *COVER*, YOU WON'T EVEN LET YOUR *SUIT* GET DIRTY!

IN YOUR CASE, KINGSLEY, I'M WILLING TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION!

Huh?

YOU'RE DRAGGING US BOTH *DOWN!*

UNGHN! NNHNN!

THINGS ARE FALLING APART ALL *AROUND* ME!

GOTTA -- GET -- *OUTTA* -- THIS!

NO! MY *GLIDER!*

FWA BOOM

YOUR BAG OF *TRICKS*, KINGSLEY? OR SHOULD I SAY --

-- *MY* TRICKS!

WELL, YOU'LL NOT BE USING MY OWN WEAPONS *AGAINST* ME!

Huh? WHAT WAS *THAT?!*

WHERE *AM* I --?

FOOOSH

POOM POOM

A *FIRE'S* BREAKING OUT!

THE *PUMPKIN BOMBS* IN YOUR BAG MUST'VE EXPLODED ON *IMPACT!*

A PERFECT *DISTRACTION!*

=URK!=

SPRINKLER SYSTEM'S BEEN SET OFF...

NHN! UNNN!

WELL, BEING *ALL WET* IS NOTHING NEW FOR *ME.*

I THINK MY BONDS ARE STARTING TO *GIVE,* JUST A LITTLE BIT...

"...SPRINKLERS AREN'T DOING MUCH *GOOD,* THOUGH --

"-- NOT WITH THE FIRE SPREADING OUT OF CONTROL SO *QUICKLY!*"

KINGSLEY'S GRIP IS LIKE A *VISE* -- EVEN AGAINST *ME!*

HE'S *STRONGER* THAN HE LED ME TO BELIEVE!

IN FACT, IT WOULD SEEM WE'RE QUITE *EVENLY* MATCHED!

AND...

KA POK K

I DID IT!

GOTTA SAY --

SNAP

-- THE THOUGHT OF JUMPING IN AND PUMMELING NORMAN *AND* HOBGOBLIN REALLY *APPEALS* TO ME!

BESIDES, MY *FIRST* PRIORITY --

HELP! SOMEBODY *HELP* ME!

-- IS TO GET *LI'L BLOOD 'N' GUTS* HERE TO *SAFETY!*

BUT I KNOW THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN *DONE!*

Uh-Oh -- *SPIDER-SENSE* IS TINGLING!

ISN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT *WHY!*

BACK OFF, SUNSHINE!

I GUESS OSBORN *HASN'T* PUT THE COSTUME BACK ON, AFTER ALL!

BOOF

AWP!

UNGH!

WHAT THE --?

WHUMP

GOBLIN?!

COMIN' THROUGH!

HE'S *FREE!*

SO, WHO *ARE* YOU, BUNKY?

THE SAME GOBLIN STAND-IN I FACED *RECENTLY?**

OR AN *ALL-NEW* DUPE THAT OSBORN'S BROUGHT IN?

DON'T BE *SHY*, PAL --

-- YOUR *REAL* FACE COULDN'T BE ANY UGLIER THAN THIS *MASK*, COULD IT?

HEY THERE!

WHUFF!

AACK --!

NO!

* DURING THE "SPIDERHUNT" SAGA – Revealing Ralf.

NUTS! I CAN'T GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIS FACE!

AND NOW HE'S BACKING INTO THE SMOKE -- BECOMING OBSCURED BY IT!

WHOA!

FOOF!

HE THREW SOME KIND OF EXPLOSIVE FLARE --

-- TO COVER HIS GETAWAY! CAN'T SEE HIM ANY-WHERE!

EYAAAA!

I'M COMIN', I'M COMIN'!

HURRY!

PA K RASSH

EYAAAAH!

C'MON, WE'RE OUTSIDE! QUIT SCREAMING IN MY EAR, WILL YA?

SKREEE

TAXI

Huh?!

HEY, TAXI!

WHO SAYS YOU CAN NEVER GET ONE WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

TAKE CARE OF THIS MAN AND CALL THE *COPS* --

-- WE NEED HELP HERE *NOW!*

Uh -- YOU *GOT* IT, PAL!

WHO'S GONNA PAY THE *FARE,* THOUGH?

HAHAHA

HOW *APPROPRIATE* THAT AN ENCOUNTER AS *EXPLOSIVE* AS OURS SHOULD END WITH SUCH A *CONFLAGRATION,* OSBORN!

WAP

UGH!

ALTHOUGH JUMPING INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS ISN'T A VERY *BRIGHT* IDEA!

I MEAN, DEALING WITH JUST *ONE* OF THEM IS BAD ENOUGH -- BUT BOTH AT THE *SAME TIME?!*

DON'T *FLATTER* YOURSELF, KINGSLEY! YOU'RE *NOTHING* TO ME -- AND YOU'RE NOTHING *COMPARED* TO ME!

I'LL BE SPITTING ON YOUR *GRAVE!*

Y'KNOW, WITH A LITTLE *LUCK,* THEY'LL JUST DO EACH OTHER IN..!

Ah, WHO AM I *KIDDING?*

I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND LET THEM KILL EACH OTHER!

UHNN!

BAMP

Oh, WELL, NO ONE EVER ACCUSED ME OF HAVING ANY *SENSE..!*

UNG!

WAP

OOF!

FWOK

HI, GUYS! THANKS FOR SAVING ME A SPOT!

OUTSIDE...

...JUST A FEW *QUESTIONS*, Mr. KINGSLEY.

CAN'T IT *WAIT*, OFFICER? WE REALLY NEED TO GET THIS MAN TO THE *HOSPITAL!*

≠KOFF!≠ YES, PLEASE, GET ME TO THE HOSPITAL!

AMBULANCE

AMB

≠KOFF!≠ GET ME AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE! ≠KOFF! KOFF!≠

POLICE SIRENS! JUST *WONDERFUL!*

I HAVE TO GET *OUT* OF HERE!

CAN'T RISK BEING SEEN IN THE COMPANY OF THE HOBGOBLIN AND SPIDER-MAN -- OR REVEALING MY *OWN* SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH!

JUST MY *PRESENCE* HERE WOULD AROUSE TOO MUCH *SUSPICION!* TOO MANY *QUESTIONS!*

BUT HOW...HOW DO I GET OUT OF HERE WITHOUT BEING *EXPOSED?*

Huh? WHAT DID I JUST *STEP* ON --?

OUTSIDE...

... NO *AUTOMATIC ALARM* CAME THROUGH FROM THIS PLACE?

NO, IT WAS CALLED IN BY A *CAB DRIVER!* SPRINKLER SYSTEM MUST HAVE *FAILED* -- THIS BLAZE MAY WELL BE *CHEMICAL* IN NATURE..!

Oh, *GREAT!*

LOOKS LIKE THAT *911 CALL* I HEARD ABOUT INVOLVING SPIDER-MAN WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY! HAS HE TRACKED DOWN THE HOBGOBLIN?

WHAT'S GOING *ON* IN THERE..?

FWA BOOM!

AWLF!

WHU --

LOOK OUT --!

HE'S -- FLYIN' OFF!

WAS THAT... THE *GREEN GOBLIN?!*

IF IT WAS, HE'S SURE DRESSIN' *BETTER* THESE DAYS!

WHAT SAY WE JUST CUT OUR *LOSSES,* SPIDER-MAN, AND GO OUR *SEPARATE WAYS?*

WELL, Y'KNOW, HOBBY, THAT'S AN INTERESTING IDEA AND MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE IT SOME *THOUGHT* AND --

-- NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

UHNNN--!

SOK

NOW, WHY DON'T WE WRAP THIS UP AND LET THE FIREFIGHTERS DO THEIR JOBS?

SPLOOSH

HOLY -- IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

SPLOOSH

MAYBE HE STARTED THIS FIRE!

SPLOOSH

CUT ME SOME SLACK, WILLYA, FELLAS? IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS SANTA CLAUS I'M FIGHTING HERE!

Uh-Oh --!

HEADS UP, GENTS!

KRKRKRK

Huh?

WHAT'RE YOU --?

THWIP THWIP

THIS WALL IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE!

THWIPP

THWIPP

GET OUT OF HERE -- WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!

GO ON -- NOW!

HOLY --!

LOOK OUT!

KRRRMBL

AAAGH!

Oh, MAN -- THE POOR GUY!

A SHORT TIME LATER...
... CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE!
GUY'S A **HERO** -- HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO **SAVE** US!
MAN, IT'S LIKE THE DEVIL HIMSELF CAME UP AN' SWALLOWED THIS PLACE **WHOLE!**
HEY, AL -- LOOK!
Uhnn...
SPIDER-MAN! YOU'RE **ALIVE!**
I-I GUESS SO...
... SINCE I'M IN TOO MUCH **PAIN** TO BE **DEAD!**
I KNOW **OSBORN** FLEW OFF, BUT...
THE HOBGOBLIN...THE GREEN GOBLIN... ARE THEY..?
GONE! NO SIGN OF 'EM!
GREAT. JUST **GREAT.**
SPIDER-MAN! OVER **HERE!**
WAIT, MISS! COME **BACK!**
BETTY --?
WHAT **HAPPENED** HERE? WHERE'S THE HOBGOBLIN?
CAN I GET A FEW WORDS FROM YOU?
NOT RIGHT NOW, Ms. BRANT. SORRY...
THWIPP
... BUT I'M HAVING A **REALLY LOUSY** DAY!

EPILOGUE 1

THE HOME OF PETER AND MARY JANE PARKER, IN FOREST HILLS, QUEENS.

6:48 P.M.

FACE IT, MARY JANE -- YOU'RE MARRIED TO A TOTAL SCREW-UP!

LET'S GO OVER THE FACTS HERE...

NORMAN MANAGED TO COVER HIS TRACKS -- HE'S NO CLOSER TO BEING BROUGHT DOWN THAN BEFORE!

OUCH! THAT IODINE STINGS!

IT'S SUPPOSED TO.

THE HOBGOBLIN IS STILL OUT THERE -- AS IS THIS NEW GREEN GOBLIN --

-- WHOSE IDENTITY I STILL DON'T KNOW!

YEP, I PRETTY MUCH ACCOMPLISHED ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TODAY!

Oh, YOU'RE RIGHT, PETER. YOU ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING!

YEAH, ALL YOU DID WAS SAVE THE LIVES OF THOSE FIREFIGHTERS --

-- ALONG WITH DANIEL KINGSLEY, WHO'S MORE WILLING THAN EVER NOW TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIS BROTHER!

YOU'RE A TOTAL SCREW-UP, ALL RIGHT!

THERE YOU GO AGAIN --

-- ALWAYS LOOKING AT THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS!

LET'S FACE IT, TIGER --

-- ONE OF US HAS TO!

EPILOGUE 2

THE PENTHOUSE APARTMENT OF NORMAN OSBORN, IN MANHATTAN.

9:25 P.M.

YOUR PERFORMANCE TODAY WAS MOST... ***DISAPPOINTING,*** MY BOY.

YOUR IDENTITY WAS NEARLY ***EXPOSED*** -- AND THAT IS SOMETHING I WILL ***NOT*** TOLERATE!

I'M... ***SORRY,*** SIR.

I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU AGAIN.

NO...YOU ***WON'T.***

HERE -- DON'T ***LOSE*** THIS AGAIN --

-- OR I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU LOSE SOMETHING FAR MORE ***VALUABLE!***

AT LEAST I CAN TAKE SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT KINGSLEY IS NOW A WANTED ***FUGITIVE!***

THERE'S ***NOWHERE*** HE CAN GO TO BE ***SAFE!***

AND THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN PROVE ***ANYTHING*** ABOUT ME.

ALL IN ALL, EVEN ***WITH*** SPIDER-MAN'S INVOLVEMENT --

-- THIS ENTIRE AFFAIR WAS MERELY AN ***INCONVENIENCE*** FOR ME, NOTHING MORE.

AND FOR MY TROUBLES, I'VE ENDED UP ABSORBING KINGSLEY'S EMPIRE INTO MY ***OWN!***

NOT A ***BAD*** BIT OF BUSINESS...!

EPILOGUE 3

THE CARIBBEAN ISLAND OF ISLA SUERTE, SEVERAL DAYS LATER.

8:35 A.M.

Ahh...NOW ***THIS*** IS MORE LIKE IT!

IN HINDSIGHT, I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVER WENT BACK TO NEW YORK IN THE ***FIRST*** PLACE!

RECLAIMING MY HOBGOBLIN IDENTITY BROUGHT ME NOTHING BUT ***TROUBLE!***

TO THINK I NEARLY SPENT THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN A ***PRISON CELL*** --!

AND YET -- I'VE LOST ALL MY CORPORATIONS, AND THEIR HOLDINGS, TO ***OSBORN.***

AS A BUSINESSMAN, I'M ***FINISHED*** IN NEW YORK.

AND WITH MY STATUS AS A WANTED FUGITIVE, I'M FINISHED AS AN ***AMERICAN CITIZEN,*** AS WELL!

Heh. IT'S A GOOD THING OSBORN DIDN'T GET HIS HANDS ON MY ***SECRET SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS,*** OR I'D BE ***COMPLETELY*** BROKE!

AS IT ***NOW*** STANDS, THOUGH...

FIDEL

...I HAVE ***MORE*** THAN ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO SIT BACK, RELAX, AND ENJOY MY ***RETIREMENT,*** WHEREVER I CAN FIND A PLACE LIKE THIS WITH NO ***EXTRADITION TREATIES!***

BUT I HAVE TO ***WONDER...*** HAS THE WORLD ***TRULY*** SEEN THE END OF --

-- ***THE HOBGOBLIN?***

THE END -- FOR NOW!